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screwing or the like, and at the upper end thereof, a stopper section 33 is fitted by screwing or the like and secured detachably. At the bottom center of the stopper section 33, there is provided a columnar convex portion 34 so as to protrude downwards. Along the central axis of the stopper section 33 and the convex portion 34, a through hole 33a is provided, and grooves 33b are formed around the circumference of the stopper section 33, at a portion where the stopper 33 is brought into contact with the housing 32a, and O-rings are inserted therein. An annular flange 33c is provided around the circumference of the stopper section 33 to stop further insertion of the stopper section 33 in the housing 32a, thereby enabling positioning in the storage section 32.

On page 19 replace paragraph 2 with the following paragraph:

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The storage section 32 is communicated with a pump 36, serving as the pressure adjustment device, via the through hole 33a and a vent pipe 35. Gas is sucked into the storage section 32 and gas is exhausted from the storage section 32 by the pump 36. The pump 36 has a plunger 37, and is capable of vertical movement between a top dead center position and a bottom dead center position 37c (stroke 37d). Grooves 37a are formed around the circumference of the plunger 37, and O-rings are inserted in the grooves 37a. There are also provided a ball screw 38 secured to a hole 37b formed in the vicinity of the center of the plunger 37 and provided so as to protrude downwards, and a ball screw drive section 39 supported so as to be able to rotate, with the inner peripheral face screwed together with the ball screw 38 and the outer peripheral face formed as a pulley or the like.

On page 21 replace paragraph 1 with the following paragraph:

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In step S1, an operator gives an instruction to, for example, the above described information processing unit, to move the concentration device 30 vertically or horizontally to thereby inset the liquid suction passage 11 of the concentration device 30 into the tank 62 in which a large amount of suspension is stored, of the container 60 for concentration, and the liquid discharge passage 12 into the vacant tank 63 of the container 60 for concentration. Then, the operator brings the permanent magnet or electromagnet of the magnetic force device 13 near each liquid passage 11, 12 from outside of each liquid passage 11, 12, to thereby exert a magnetic field into the liquid passage 11, 12. By moving the plunger 37 from the top dead center downwards, with the magnetic field exerted, the suspension is sucked to the storage section 32 via the liquid suction passage 11, with an air layer therebetween.